license less fishing in the Indian seas by foreign vessels has caused fish famine in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps Government propose to take against foreign trawlers and the vessels; and

(c) the details of fish production in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. No licence or permit has been granted to any foreign fishing vessel by the Government since September, 1996 as per the policy decision. The Indian Coast Guard is vested with powers to apprehend any foreign fishing vessels operating in Indian waters without a valid licence.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of fish production in the country during the last three years as follows:—

(*in tonnes*)

Year	Fish Production
1998-1999	5262249
1999-2000	5675027
2000-2001	5655342

Budget provisions for Rajendra Agricultural University, Bihar

†1347. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have made any provision in the Budget for a specific amount of grants-in-aid for the 2002-2003 financial year with a view to improve the quality of education, repair of the old buildings and purchase of latest research equipments in the Rajendra Agricultural University, Dholi Muzaffarpur in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the same would be taken care of in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education / Indian Council of Agricultural Research does not provide grant-in-aid for agricultural education. It only extends need based support to the State Agricultural Universities under the scheme "Development & Strengthening".

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Launching of "Sankath Haran Bima Yojna"

1348. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has launched Sankath Haran Bima Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, in how many States the scheme has been launched;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Scheme has not been launched in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) and Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL) have introduced an insurance scheme, namely "Sankath Haran Bima Yojana" from 1st October, 2001. The scheme is being operated through IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company Limited (ITGI). The scheme has been launched all over the country and is applicable on IFFCO / KRIBHCO / IPL's sale of fertilizers through cooperative societies. Presently, the scheme is in operation in 25 States including Andhra Pradesh and 2 Union Territories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.